



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Regular Meeting

October 8, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Community School District, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was called to order by President Cochrane at 6:05 p.m. in the Board Office.

Members present : Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Kent, Mrs. Merz, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Wagner.

Members absent : None.

Others present : Assistant Superintendent/Director of Human Resources/ Board Secretary Hughes, Director of Financial Services Hansel, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Wood, Communications Director Lane, Instructional Technology Coach Richardson, a mass media representative, and two other interested parties.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Merz, to approve the board agenda as presented. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

President Cochrane requested that discussion be held related to open enrollment considerations (items 3.51 and 3.52 were added to the consent agenda).

Moved by Merz, seconded by Forsythe, to approve the following consent agenda items: 3.1) approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2012, regular meeting and the September 24, 2012 (5:30 p.m.), the September 24, 2012 (6:00 p.m.), and the October 3, 2012, special meetings; 3.2) approval of personnel; 3.3) (*the open enrollment requests were removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as items 3.51 and 3.52*); 3.4) approval of the fundraisers to be conducted by the Fort Dodge Band and Orchestra Boosters, the Fair Oaks Middle School Choirs, and the K-12 Level III MD Program. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Kent, to approve the following open enrollment requests: from Tonya Dornath for Blaine Anderson to attend the Humboldt Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Ann Bennett for Breina Bennett to attend the Manson Northwest Webster Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Ann Bennett for Dalton Bennett to attend the Manson Northwest Webster Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Mallory Boge for Alexia Boge to attend the Prairie Valley Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Tina Womack for Jared Cloud to attend the Prairie Valley Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Kelly Craig for James Craig to attend the Prairie Valley Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Paige Pettit for Addison Esquilla to attend the Southeast Webster Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Cassy Weber for Kadence Johnson to attend the Humboldt Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Damien Dornath for

Daylon Parker to attend the Humboldt Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, and from Damian Dornath for Izaka Parker to attend the Humboldt Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Rogers, to the deny open enrollment requests from Kindy Davis for Jaelyn Davis to attend the Prairie Valley Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Kindy Davis for Ashtyn Shady to attend the Prairie Valley Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Kindy Davis for Kamryn Shady to attend the Prairie Valley Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, from Brian and Janet Lincoln for Dylan Lincoln to attend the Fort Dodge Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, and from Mark and Donna Freeman for Anna Freeman to attend the Humboldt Community School District beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Merz, seconded by Rogers, to deny the open enrollment request from Mark and Donna Freeman for Anna Freeman to attend the Humboldt Community School District for the 2012-2013 school year. Discussion was held with considerations of open enrollment request: "good cause," process requirements, and timeline. Five voting aye, two voting nay, motion carried.

Communications

Comments from the public: Mark Freeman, parent, addressed the Board of Education with his concerns about the open enrollment request denial.

Superintendent Van Zyl offered an update on the New Middle School Project.

Action Items/Presentations/Discussions

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Kent, to approve the bank resolution for the signing of checks, endorsement of deposit of funds, authorization for cashing checks for the general, management, physical plant and equipment, capital projects, capital projects II, activity, and nutrition funds, flexible spending account, and self-funded dental insurance account at Great Western Bank. Roll call vote: Merz votes aye, Peterson votes aye, Rogers votes aye, Wagner votes aye, Cochrane votes aye, Forsythe votes aye, and Kent votes aye. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Peterson, to approve the resolution ordering an election on the question of continuing to levy and impose a voter approved physical plant and equipment property tax and income surtax. Roll call vote: Peterson votes aye, Rogers votes aye, Wagner votes aye, Cochrane votes aye, Forsythe votes aye, Kent votes aye, and Merz votes aye. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Moved by Wagner, seconded by Forsythe, to elect Stuart J. Cochrane as the 2012 IASB Delegate Representative. All voting aye, motion carried.

Communications/Updates

Superintendent's Update: 1) Instrumental Music Instructor hiring process shared; 2) enrollment projections were discussed; 3) State funding report was shared; 4) building heating and cooling system refinement occurring as seasons change; and 5) administrative educational rounds, professional development, and school improvement initiative shared.

Board Update and Committee Reports:

Board Committees:

Health and Safety/Policy: met at the end of September, 2012.

Long Range Planning/Finance: discussed early retirement issues.

Board Committees (continued):

Capital Projects: Technology infrastructure discussed.

Negotiations: Employee Relations Conference will be attended by committee on October 16, 2012.

Communications: Structure and goals of the committee were discussed.

Board Representation on a Committee:

Foundation: working on October 13, 2012, fundraiser.

Comprehensive School Improvement: meeting bringing together budget roundtable, curriculum, instruction & assessment and special education, early childhood education, parent involvement, RtI (Response to Intervention), and vocational education representatives will be held on October 18, 2012, at 5:30 p.m.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Advisory Committee: comprehensive school improvement meeting on October 18, 2012, will further define goals.

Moved by Forsythe, seconded by Wagner, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Robert L. Hughes
Board Secretary